

Hey ClubE!

I MISS you! Even though we are not gathering together in our room, we are still a community. Let's accomplish our 3 goals together this morning. Let's get started!

1. Watch my [short video](#) & introduction to the lesson today.
2. Sharing time. Our question today: How would you react if you were able to SEE Jesus?
3. Read the story together as a family (or listen to it [here](#)) & go through the discussion questions to talk about what you've learned.
4. Pray together as a family.
5. Optional: Do craft/activity!

If you have questions or just want to share your learning, you can email me [cas66852@gmail.com](mailto:cas66852@gmail.com) or text/call at 612-310-2363

## Storytime!

Hello, friends! Today, we get to talk about a really important person who actually wrote most of what we call the New Testament of the Bible. You might know him by the name, Paul. But he also went by the name, Saul. We'll call him 'Saul' for today. As a young man, Saul was sent to Jerusalem to study with the famous Rabbi Gamaliel. For Saul, his faith was important. But Jesus was changing the way EVERYONE thought about God, and Saul found himself right in the middle of it. He watched as more and more people started to believe that Jesus really is the Son of God. After his studying, Saul became a religious leader himself. Like the other religious leaders of his time, Saul was caught off guard by Jesus. Jesus had been crucified on a cross, but now His followers were saying that Jesus had returned to life—and that they had actually SEEN Him! It didn't make sense to Saul. He and the other religious leaders were upset that the numbers of Jesus-followers continued to grow. In fact, they did everything that they could to stop this new movement. They even arrested a Jesus-follower named Stephen.

On the awful day when Stephen was killed, Saul was there. He held the coats of the people who were throwing stones at Stephen. Saul wasn't someone we'd call a 'good guy.' It seemed like Saul and the Jesus-followers would never be on the same team.

Saul became known for hunting down people who believed in Jesus. It sort of became his personal mission. One day, he discovered that some Jewish people in Damascus were following Jesus, so he went to the high priest Caiaphas to see if he could go to Damascus and investigate. Saul asked Caiaphas for letters that he could take to the synagogues in Damascus. The synagogues were basically churches where the Jews gathered to talk about and practice their faith. Saul wanted these letters so that he would be allowed to arrest the believers and bring them to Jerusalem. Caiaphas gave him the letters, and Saul set off with a group of men to arrest any believers they found. After many days on the road, they finally neared Damascus.

Suddenly, a light from heaven flashed around Saul, and he fell to the ground! Imagine the whole room your sitting in is completely full of light. You can't see. You have to cover your eyes!

After Saul fell to the ground, he heard a voice.

“Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?”

“Who are you, Lord?”

“I am Jesus. I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do.”

The men traveling with Saul stood there, unable to speak. Saul got up, but he couldn't see. His friends led him by the hand into Damascus, where he stayed at the home of a man named Judas on Straight Street. For three whole days, Saul was blind. He didn't eat or drink anything. Saul couldn't deny it. He had a direct encounter with Jesus. He had seen for himself that Jesus is very much alive! Could it be that everything Jesus' followers believed was actually true? Was Jesus actually the Son of God? Had Saul been wrong about Him this whole time?

Saul's life dramatically changed that day. Even though he was now physically blind, he was able to see everything in a completely new way—all because of Jesus. Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything. Everything that Saul THOUGHT he knew about Jesus changed that day. He would never be the same!

## Let's talk about it!

- If God tries to get someone's attention but they continue to ignore Him, does He ever give up? Explain.
- In what ways might a follower of Jesus view the following areas of life differently than those who don't follow Him?
  - Money
  - People
  - Sickness or death
  - Time
  - Creation
  - Happiness
  - Bible
- If you could meet Jesus the way Saul did, how do you think it would impact your faith?
- We probably won't have a “Damascus” experience like Saul did, but what are some ways God might get our attention?

# Pray

Dear God, it's amazing how You completely changed Saul's life. After You met him there on the road, he was never the same! You do the same thing for us, too. When we put our faith in You, You transform us on the inside. You make us want to love others instead of just living for ourselves. You change the way we see everything. Please, help us to see things YOUR way as we live every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

# Game Time!

## CHANGE WHAT YOU NEED:

Pie pan, whole milk, food coloring, cotton swab, liquid dish soap

## WHAT YOU DO:

- Pour milk into a pie pan.
- Add two drops of the food coloring into the milk.
- Space out their drops of color, and ask them to be careful not to bump or shake the pie pan.
- Generously soak the end of a cotton swab with liquid dish soap.
- Dip the soaked cotton swab into the milk next to a drop of color.
- Repeat the process with all the drops of color. Let kids take turns dipping the swab themselves. • End by swirling the soaked cotton swab through the colors.

Adding soap to the milk completely changed how the milk looked. It was something simple that changed into beautiful art. Today we learned about how Saul's life was completely changed.

Need to see it in action? Watch here!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ5\\_2OykNrk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ5_2OykNrk)